REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2003. In view of the

foregoing amendments and following representations, reconsideration is respectfully

requested.

By the above amendments, claims 59-68 have been cancelled, thereby placing the

present application in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the present application is now clearly in

condition for allowance. The Examiner therefore is requested to enter the above

amendment and pass this case to issue.

In the event that the Examiner has any comments or suggestions of a nature

necessary to place this case in condition for allowance, then the Examiner is requested

to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney by telephone to promptly resolve any

remaining matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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